

REMARKS

Claims 8-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7 were cancelled in the previous amendment, filed on February 16, 2005. The Examiner mistakenly states that Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Mouko et al. (US 6,678,732). However, in the Arguments section, we note that the Examiner correctly refers to Claims 8-13. Accordingly, this Amendment is responsive to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claims 8-13.

As recited in independent Claim 8, an origination party's IP address is used as the LAN device's own IP address. The unique IP address is allocated only when the Internet application requires it, i.e. to inform a receiving party of its own IP address.

After being allocated the unique IP address, the LAN device does not use it to replace the origination party's IP address, but rather, an application on the LAN device uses it to indicate what the origination party IP address is to a receiving party. Mouko, on the other hand, replaces the origination party's IP address with a different IP address. Accordingly, as Mouko does not teach each and every element of Claim 8, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claim 8 be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 10 recites a system comprising a LAN device and a router which perform steps similar to those recited in Claim 8. Claim 10 is believed to be allowable for at least for the same reasons as Claim 8. Accordingly, it is respectfully

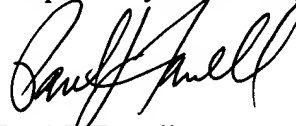
submitted that rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claim 10 be withdrawn.

Independent Claims 8 and 10 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 9 and 11-13, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on independent Claims 8 and 10, respectively. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 9 and 11-13, is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 8-13, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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